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FACING THE FACTS.

The heart of Judge Gary's Commercial Club speech in its references to national military policy is this:

"We have during the past few months been forced to a full realization of the necessity of being prepared to protect our country by force; that, while we desire above everything else peace and friendship and cordial intimate relations with all other nations, we know these cannot be maintained unless we are fully prepared to protect ourselves against unjust and unwarranted attack. With a high sense of justice and equity and moral obligation, with a disposition to accord to all others an equal opportunity with ourselves to reap the benefit of the world's advantages, we cannot be certain in this age of human weakness, of selfishness, of greed and the infirmities of jealous suspicion, that we shall not be imposed upon and perhaps destroyed unless we are prepared with the argument of force in the last extremity."

Recognition of this as a guiding principle inevitably brings the conclusion that army and navy expansion are necessities for national safety and development.

There is no danger of the United States running wild with the so-called "militarism." The temper of the American people is primarily peaceful. But it must be a peace with honor. The danger is that we shall lull ourselves into false security believing that other nations have no more plans for conquest than we have—no more need for new territory than we have. The danger is that the peace-at-any-price gentry, through their preaching that American rights and principles are not worth fighting for, will fatally hamper and hinder military preparedness.

No American can read the European press at this time without realizing that the European belligerents respect and observe the rights of America in proportion as we are ready to back those rights with force. Books of military science and tactics by Old World critics coolly assume that the United States army is a negligible factor and its navy likely to be when within a few years the European nations carry out their plans.

"We must be prepared on all occasions and in every emergency to stand for the rights and the principles of our country," says Judge Gary. And the unanimity with which the country has backed President Wilson in his efforts to preserve the national ideals of peace and justice, even at the cost of great national forbearance, proves that the United States will not use military preparedness for the purposes of aggression, of bullying or of international mischief.

DISCUSSION THAT IS HELPFUL.

City Engineer Whitehouse's letter to the Star-Bulletin, published in another column today, has the right tone. It's the sort of letter a public official should write.

It emphasizes his attitude as open-minded. He advocates hearing all sides of the already-raised question, Surface vs. Mountain-tunnel water for Honolulu. He takes issue with the U. S. expert, G. K. Larrison, but he does it in an entirely good-humored way.

Says Mr. Whitehouse:

Let us look at all sides of this water situation. Find out where the community can get pure water at a fair cost and adopt that scheme. Let us support the city administration and the water commission in this salutary and statesmanlike move. Let us put the hammer in the tool-box and get behind the commission at least until it reports. If it doesn't meet our individual ideas, then we can take issue with it, but until that time let's get on the "pure water-wagon" and boost the good work along.

Both Engineer Whitehouse and Mr. Larrison are working toward the same end and their differences of opinion need be no more serious than merely to bring out various phases, various opinions on this vital question of an adequate and healthful water supply for the people of Honolulu. The Star-Bulletin is a mighty strong believer in public discussion. No one man ever had a monopoly of good ideas on any subject and any debate on the water question is bound to be a good thing—it will enlighten the people and stimulate the officials because of very evident general interest in the work.

At one stage the city engineer appears to have mistaken what the Star-Bulletin believes is the point of Mr. Larrison's interview and of his later written statement published in this paper. The point, as we take it, is that he believes the expenditure of \$20,000 for "investigation purposes" entirely unnecessary in view of the existing data. If nothing else, the vigorous part that the U. S. geological survey office is taking has helped to emphasize the fact that

it is doing a big and constructive work in measuring water supply and compiling useful statistics. In view of the keen interest that Mr. Larrison takes in the matter of water for Honolulu, it is reasonable to suppose that his advice and assistance will be welcomed by the new water commission, just as should be the advice and assistance of the city engineer and others who are willing to give of their knowledge and ideas.

The Star-Bulletin believes that the water commission has great possibilities for good. This paper has again and again urged that the entire water supply situation be canvassed by a competent body of men. The mayor's commission is a good one. Its members and Mr. Larrison and Mr. Whitehouse are all working for the same end, and there need be no misunderstanding—no sharpness of retort—if their ideas don't always agree. But this is particularly a time where ideas are needed, and so, too, is a free, frank and emphatic expression of them.

GOOD ROADS.

(From the Sacramento Union)

While politics has something to do with the failure of our roads, our system of repair and maintenance, or the lack of it, would destroy our roads if there were no politics involved.

In our campaign for better roads we should determine to adopt some system of patrol and repairs, under the guidance of an expert, otherwise it is folly to spend money on roads.

We have no right to invest millions of dollars in public improvements and then permit them to fall into decay for lack of attention.

It need make no difference to the United States that British newspapers choose to interpret the sinking of the Leelanaw as a deliberately unfriendly act on the part of Germany. American investigation, American conclusion and American adoption of policy are the governing factors in this case. If the Leelanaw disregarded the warnings of the German submarine commander to halt, and if, under her charter to the Allies she had put herself outside the protection of the American flag, this country can have no protest to make at the sinking. The United States has enough difficulty in upholding obvious American rights without trying to help its citizens escape the consequences of shortsightedness.

Our morning journalistic friend seems unduly excited about the opposition to a suspension of the coastwise shipping law. The Advertiser appears to think that all who are against opening coastwise passenger trade between Hawaii and the mainland to foreign ships are using pseudo-patriotism as an argument. Not at all. The issue is a business issue—what is best for Hawaii and for Pacific commerce. At any rate, the Chamber of Commerce is collecting the facts regarding the alleged congestion of passenger traffic adversely affecting Hawaii, and these facts will soon be made public.

Worry is all right if it is not indulged to excess. Dixie's paragrapher says: "Do not worry more than a dollar's worth over a lost dollar."—Miami Metropolis.

Many a man who can hear Pleasure whisper a mile away can't hear Duty when it shouts in his ear through a megaphone.—Leavenworth New Era.

Washington despatch says the U. S. is soon going to take definite steps toward Mexico. Ought to be that swinging 30-inch step of the infantry.

Safety first! When under arrest don't run after your hat if it blows off. Let the policeman do it.—Leavenworth New Era.

How doth the little busy bomb explode each shining hour to teach mere U. S. citizens the hyphenated power.

Count not Judge Gary among those who would keep turning the national cheek toward the smiter.

Why not a special suspension of the coastwise shipping law in favor of honeymoon couples?

British ministry troubles make the rest of us wish it was a disappearing cabinet.

"The Isles of Peace" must also be "The Isles of Preparedness."

MUCH BUSINESS AWAITS BOSSES OF CITY TONIGHT

Three resolutions will be presented for third reading tonight at the meeting of the board of supervisors. Of these Supervisor Shingle has two which deal with roads and road work. Resolution 188 asks an appropriation of \$1950, of which sum \$1500 is for the maintenance of roads in the municipality, and \$450 is for the purchase of a Bowser pump.

Resolution 197 asks that an appropriation of \$1800 be made as an advance against the cost of preliminary engineering work on the Manoa improvement project.

The third resolution which comes up for third reading is by Supervisor Logan, and is numbered 194. It deals with the proposed purchase of law books for the Honolulu district court, for which the sum of \$291 is to be expended.

For second reading tonight, Supervisor Shingle's resolution for the establishment of grades and sidewalk lines on Beretania street will be presented. This was deferred at the last meeting of the board.

Three ordinances will also be presented for second reading. Two of these are by Supervisor Larsen. Ordinance 118 provides that the water and sewer departments of the city shall be placed under one general manager who shall be subject to the direction of the supervisors. Ordinance 119 provides for the laying of water and sewer pipes in the new districts of the city before land is offered for sale.

Supervisor Logan has an ordinance for second reading which regulates the plumbing and drainage of buildings, and provides for a regular inspector of such work.

Four Japanese workmen have filed bonds as master plumbers, namely Goto, Sugimoto, Hara and Imoto. Several applications have also been received from prospective plumbers.

LAND ON FRONT STREET AT HILO IS CONDEMNED

A considerable area of land on Front street, Hilo, which runs back into the swamps, has been condemned by the board of health and recommendations will be made to the office of the superintendent of public works that it be drained and filled.

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board; George R. Carter, George P. Denison, Capt. C. J. Campbell, Kirk B. Porter, secretary of the board, and Leslie Scott, representing the attorney-general's office, visited Hilo the early part of this week and inspected the land. Examinations were made as to which portions of the land were sanitary and unsanitary. The condemnation was made under the unsanitary land act. As soon as the superintendent of public works receives the proper legal notices, it is expected that the work of draining and filling the land will be begun immediately.

L. E. THAYER IS RAPIDLY RALLYING FROM STROKE

L. E. Thayer, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis while visiting in Hilo a few days ago, returned this morning on the Kilauea, and was taken immediately to the Queen's Hospital, where it is hoped that rest and quiet will bring about a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. Thayer was accompanied home by his wife, his son Wade Warren Thayer, and his daughter-in-law, who were visiting with him in Hawaii, but who were at the volcano at the time when he was stricken. Secretary Thayer says that the recovery of his father in the last few days has been remarkable, and that while he has been in bed most of the time since the stroke, it is thought he will soon be able to sit up.

Doctors attending the stricken man say that it is only a matter of time and rest until he will be entirely recovered. The leg and arm which were slightly paralyzed immediately after the stroke have now regained their former strength, and the speech which was affected is becoming normal.

The visit of the Thayers in Hawaii was cut short by Mr. Thayer's misfortune, as it had been planned to stay considerably longer. Secretary Thayer took up his work at the Capitol again this morning.

Personal Mention

HAROLD V. GEAR of Castle & Cooke returned on the Lurline.

DEPUTY SHERIFF J. W. ASCH returned from a vacation trip to the mainland today.

GEORGE R. CARTER was a returning passenger on the Kilauea from Hilo this morning.

EDGAR S. BARRY of the Honolulu postoffice was a returning passenger on the Lurline this morning.

WILLIAM H. BAIRD, treasurer of Theo. H. Davies & Company, returned to Honolulu from the mainland today.

DR. L. L. SEXTON of Hilo was a returning passenger on the Lurline this morning. Mrs. Sexton is with him.

CAPT. GEORGE H. PILTZ, Miss Margaret Piltz and Master Guy Piltz returned on the Lurline from the coast today.

DR. C. B. COOPER returned from a visit to the Panama-Pacific exposition and a tour of the coast in the Lurline this morning.

PRESIDENT PRATT of the territorial board of health returned from the Big Island on the Inter-island steamer Kilauea today.

CONGRESSMAN and MRS. DIXON, who were passengers to Honolulu on the transport Sherman, returned from the volcano today.

HENRY N. DENISON, assistant superintendent of the Oahu railroad, and family, returned from the coast in the Lurline this morning.

MRS. KATHERINE FULLERTON GASTOULD, noted woman writer who is in the islands to write on Hawaii for Scribner's Magazine, and Mr. Gerould returned from the volcano today.

LEE TOMA, a merchant of Honolulu, leaves for the mainland on the Matsonia for a three months' pleasure trip. While he is away Mr. Toma will visit the University of Illinois at Champaign, where his daughter Esther and his son En Fon are students.

WADE WARREN THAYER, secretary of the territory, Mrs. Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thayer returned from the volcano on the Kilauea today. While on the Big Island Mr. L. E. Thayer suffered a sudden stroke but recovered sufficiently to make the return trip today.

DR. J. M. WHITNEY and Mrs. Whitney, and their daughter, Mrs. Weirich, will leave for the coast in the Matsonia tomorrow. They expect to visit the expositions at San Francisco and San Diego. While in San Francisco Doctor Whitney will attend the International Dental Congress.

DR. R. W. ANDERSON, the local dentist, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and their children, will leave in the Matsonia tomorrow for an extended tour of the Pacific Coast, visiting in Canada and in California. While in San Francisco Doctor Anderson will attend the International Dental Congress.

RESERVOIRS IN NUUANU FULL IN MONTH OF JUNE

That the rainfall in upper Nuuanu valley during June kept reservoirs 1, 2 and 3 full, and that No. 4 attained a depth of about 30 feet, is one of the items of interest contained in the report of G. K. Larrison, superintendent of hydrography, to the board of agriculture and forestry, covering last month's work.

Commenting on weather conditions, the report says: "With the exception of the Hilo district on Hawaii and the Ewa district on Oahu, the rainfall was only slightly below normal throughout the islands. Both Hilo on Hawaii and Ewa on Oahu districts have suffered from drought, while practically all of Maui and Kauai have had abundant light showers throughout the month. Waianae on Oahu suffered from drought during the early part of the month, but this was broken the last of the month."

According to the report, a large amount of the maintenance work was done on Oahu during the month, and all the stations on the island were visited. Thirty-one stream and ditch

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2144 Lanikuli Drive, Manoa	2 " "	40.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa	3 " "	27.50
Lower Manoa Rd. and Hillside	2 " "	25.00
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